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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR NOVEMBER, 2018

An update on the principal activities and key initiatives undertaken by the Department of Health Research (DHR) during the month of November, 2018 is indicated below: -

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

- a. Provided Diagnostic support for the referred samples for viral hemorrhagic fever and unknown etiology and outbreak investigation of Sudden Unexplained Illness and Death of Asiatic Lions in GIR Forest Area of Gujarat. A total of 1094 samples from 313 lions of Gir forests in Gujarat were tested, of which 68 lions tested positive for Canine Distemper Virus (CDV).
- b. Set up Dengue sero surveillance and apex referral laboratory for control and prevention of dengue and chikungunya. Dengue virus serotyping and plaque reduction neutralization test was completed.
- c. Initiated facility-based sero survey for evaluating population immunity to measles and rubella in Maharashtra.
- d. Investigated encephalitis outbreak and routine diagnosis were undertaken in Gujarat.
- e. Diagnostic support for the referred enteric cases: Eight clinical samples collected from children with acute gastroenteritis from different hospitals of Pune under Rotavirus surveillance, testing found negative for RVA by ELISA.
- f. Inaugurated regional Level Virus Research Diagnostic Lab (VRDL) at Kolkata.
- g. Published 29 research papers in the area of cancer, hepatitis C virus, Nipah virus, dengue virus, avian influenza H5N1 viruses, human rotavirus, rubella among pregnant women, Zika virus, haemorrhagic fever virus, etc.
- h. Conducted 13 workshops/ seminars/ conferences/ CMEs on patterns of care and survival studies on cancer in childhood lymphoid and hematopoietic malignancies and other gynecologic malignancies except cervix, etc.

- i. Conducted 19 important meetings including meeting of Standing National Committee on Medicines; meeting of NITI Aayog's Group Committee on economic advisory trend analysis on resource investment in health and health research; meeting with DCG(I) for MIP vaccine pilot study data.
- j. Undertaken/initiated 8 major projects including Flow cytometry assay and rapid agglutination test for the detection of anti-FVIII antibodies; Monitored dengue and chikungunya viruses in India for changes in the serotypes, genotype and lineages utilizing Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories Network; Gene pool analysis of highly pathogenic H5N1 and low pathogenic H9N2 avian influenza viruses isolated from India, etc.
- k. Conducted a total of 10 training programs for clinical faculties, state medical officers, maternity care specialists, nursing officers, graduate and post-graduate medical students, laboratories technologists on Serological and molecular diagnostic tests for monitoring of dengue and chikungunya viruses in circulation, etc.
- l. Conducted Health Awareness and Screening Camps on oral, breast and cervical cancers at Noida, UP.
- m. Developed 100 variety mega-Tribe Medicinal Plant Garden at Jabalpur.
